



Emmanuel Student Ministries

Student Servant Application

Name _____ School _____

Address _____ Grade _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

1. Briefly describe where you are right now on your journey as a Christian.

2. What are you presently doing to grow in your relationship with Christ? Please be specific.

3. What other activities (besides Emmaus Student Ministries) will you be involved in this coming year? (sports, clubs, other Christian groups)

4. What do you see as your strengths and weaknesses? Please be honest

Requirements for Being a Student Servant

- You must be putting energy and time towards growing in your relationship with God.
- Christian living where you are striving to live and obey Christ and His teachings in Scripture.
- You must have an Accountability Partner that you meet with regularly all year long. (We're gonna hold everyone to this during the year... keep that in mind!!!)
- You must attend Student Servant meetings. There are 5-6 during the school year and they are all afternoon on a Sunday after church. Date and times will be given during the interviews
- Consistent attendance at weekly Emmaus meeting and other events and Sunday morning church services.
- Servant's Heart and Attitude
 - Remembering each week that you are not there for yourself, but to serve and minister to others.

Challenges of Being a Student Servant

•THE CHALLENGE OF HUMILITY

I Peter 5:5 "Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another."

-The challenge is that in our own minds we are the important ones. Our strengths are the greatest. Our accomplishments the biggest. Our minds the wisest. Our position the most important. Our problems the hardest. Our concerns the most worrisome. Our fears the most valid. Our position the most important. But humility, as expressed in Philippians 2:3 means sincerely viewing the person next to you as more important.

•THE CHALLENGE TO PREFER ONE ANOTHER IN HONOR

Romans 12:10 "Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other."

-The tendency is to be jealous when others are the center of attention or have something good happen to them.
-Preferring one another in honor means that your desire on the inside and out is that others get attention and the focus before you. You are content to not get the attention or the praise.

•THE CHALLENGE TO NOT LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING

Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will direct your paths."

-Our natural tendency in understanding things is selfishness.

•THE CHALLENGE TO QUIT COMPETING

-Jesus calls for us to be together, to work together and to serve together.
-We need to stop trying to do more, be more, get more, or be the center of attention more.
-The goal is to just serve and forget about everything else.

•THE CHALLENGE TO LOVE UNCONDITIONALLY

-We need to be serving and loving even if we know the service and the love will not be returned or even noticed.
-We are called to follow Christ's example.

•THE CHALLENGE TO BE A PART OF THE STUDENT MINISTRIES TEAM!

-Speak up and speak your mind!
-Speak appropriately and to the right people!

•THE CHALLENGE TO GROW THROUGH SERVING!

-We spend a lot of our Christian lives just taking it in. We take in lessons, teaching, devotions, etc. But there comes a point in our lives in Christ where we can no longer just grow through taking in, we have to start giving out, serving, so that we can

THE APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP ONE: Fill out the application packet, write the essay(s) and have your parent(s) sign the commitment sheet.

STEP TWO: Turn in the application and the essays. The deadline to turn them in is no later than **June 27!!**

STEP THREE: Get an interview scheduled (see interview times below). Everyone who applies to be a Student Servant will be interviewed by Dan and Kristy. We will do the interviews at the end of June. One parent must be present for the interview.

STEP FOUR: If you are accepted as a Student Servant (and not everyone who applies will be...)you will then attend the Student Servant training retreat on August 13 to 15. Here are some details...

- Location: Dan's Parent's House in El Dorado Hills (near Sacramento)
- Cost: None!
- Times: Meet at the church at 3:00 p.m. on Friday the 15th and will be back at the church at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday the 17th.
- What to Bring: Normal retreat stuff, sleeping bag, pillow, swimsuit (there is a pool and hot tub!), towel, game clothes and shoes, Bible, notebook, pen
- What will we do?: All sorts of stuff... we are gonna have fun together, and while we are having fun we are going to spend a lot of time learning what it means to be a servant leader. It should be an awesome weekend and an awesome way to kick off the school year!
- We realize there might be one or two folks who are accepted as Student Servants that will not be able to attend the retreat. We hate to see that happen, but we can work with it if we need too!

STEP FIVE: After the retreat you will want to start thinking about who your accountability partner will be. Every Student Servant is required to have an accountability partner and to meet with that partner at least once a week during the school year.

STEP SIX: Attend all the Student Servant meetings during the year. There will be one roughly every 6 weeks and they will last most of the afternoon on Sundays.

Interivew Times

Choose an interview time from the list below... Interview times are "first come, first serve," so let us know ASAP when you would like to interivew. Remember, one parent must come to the interview with you...

Monday, June 28

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

10:40 to 11:10 a.m.

11:20 to 11:50 a.m.

12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

12:40 to 1:10 p.m.

1:20 to 1:50 p.m.

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

5:10 to 5:40 p.m.

5:50 to 6:20 p.m.

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

10:40 to 11:10 a.m.

11:20 to 11:50 a.m.

12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

12:40 to 1:10 p.m.

1:20 to 1:50 p.m.

3:00 to 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 30

10:00 to 10:30 a.m.

10:40 to 11:10 a.m.

11:20 to 11:50 a.m.

12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

12:40 to 1:10 p.m.

1:20 to 1:50 p.m.

Thursday, July 1

4:30 to 5:00 p.m.

5:10 to 5:40 p.m.

5:50 to 6:20 p.m.

6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

STUDENT SERVANT JOB DESCRIPTION

The job description for a Student Servant is:

- Helping and serving “above and beyond” the expected. We are asking all the student servants to be constantly looking for ways to serve without ever being asked. This could include things such as:
 - greeting new students and making them feel connected and comfortable
 - helping with setup or clean up
 - helping Sherpas as they lead a small group
- Serving as encouragers for others in the group. Being aware of students that might be hurting somehow and being available to pray with them, encourage them and practice random acts of kindness for them.
- Serving as “thermostats” that help set the spiritual temperature of the group. Student Servants should always be taking the role of spiritual leader so that others feel comfortable following. Some examples:
 - Genuinely entering into worship first, allowing others to follow
 - Being the first (but not the only) one to share in a small group setting so that others are free to share.
 - Going out of their way to include new folks or people who are by themselves so that a spirit of community, inclusiveness and family is present in Emmaus.

AS YOU SERVE, HERE IS WHAT WE COMMIT TO PROVIDE TO YOU...

- We will help you to begin to discover your S.H.A.P.E. (spiritual gifts, hear, abilities, passion, and experiences) and how it applies to how God made you and where you might best fit serving in ministry.
- You will have at least (maybe more, but at least) 2 one to one meeting with Dan, Nunan or Kristy during the school year. At these meetings we will talk about what you are learning, areas that you need to grow in and what ways we can help you.
- Every six weeks or so we will have awesome student servant meetings. No more boring meetings at the church... we are going to get out and do stuff and learn together as we are doing!
- Working with your Sherpa, you will be given the opportunity to lead your small group at least once or twice time during the school year (it might end up being more, but at least once)

ESSAY QUESTIONS

ESSAYS!?!?! We know.... we know.... it's kinda a drag and we really do not want to be like school, but in this case they are kinda necessary. We want you to answer these essay questions for a couple of reasons. First, we want to get some of your thoughts about some of the things that we are going to be focusing on this year. Second, we really want you to dig in and think about these topics. Thirdly, we want to "set the bar" kinda high and make you work a little bit so that we are sure everyone who signs up to be a student servant really wants to be a student servant! Please do not take this lightly...these are important issues and we want to really dig in and think about them!

Each essay should be at least a full page. Answers should be typed using 12 point Times (or TimeNewRoman) font with 1/2 inch margins on the page, double spaced.

Number 1:

What does community mean to you? How will you contribute to the community in Emmaus?

What does it mean to be a servant leader? Who is the best example to follow of how to be a servant leader? How will you serve as a servant leader this year?

Number 2:

What is encouragement? Why would we want to encourage each other? Why does God want us to encourage each other? Why is the ministry of the encouragement so important and why do you want to be involved in it?

Number 3:

"When you walk in the door on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday nights as a student servant you are no longer there for yourself, you are there to minister to others."

What does this sentence mean to you? How do you think you will minister? If you are not there for yourself anymore, how does that affect how you will act and what you will do? If you are not there for yourself anymore, does that mean you will no longer have fun when you come? Why or why not?

RE-APPLYING ESSAY

If you were a student servant last year, we ask that you answer the following question(s) in the same manner stated above:

How has your relationship with God grown this past year? What are some areas you would like to continue to grow in this coming year and why? Are there opportunities or areas of growth you recognize you'd like to see take place this year that were not available last year? If so, what is it/are they?

Student Servant Commitment Sheet

Student Name

With Gods help, I want to be a faithful and caring student servant and make every effort to have consistent attendance at Emmaus weekly meeting and events as well as student servant monthly meetings. I also realize that if I am unable or unwilling to stay committed to the Student Servant Responsibilities, I will be asked to step down as a student servant.

Student Signature

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian,

Because we believe that being a student servants is such an important commitment in the life of your student, we ask that you would talk with your son or daughter about how you can work together as a family to help him or her be consistent in attendance and service. Please sign this sheet to let us know that you have reviewed the attached information with your student.

Parent or Guardian Signature